IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Our Docket No.: 406590)

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In re the Application of

Paulsen, Craig

Serial No.: 10/008,748

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For: PROGRAMMABLE COMPUTER

> CONTROLLED EXTERNAL VISUAL INDICATOR FOR

GAMING MACHINE

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003, Applicant provides the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1, 15 and 18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A gaming machine comprising:

a user input panel;

a processor connected to the input panel and adapted to be programmed in response to an input operation by a user;

an external visual indicator mounted to the gaming machine and including multiple LEDs providing a color display including illumination of multiple colors; and

the programmed processor providing for the control of the color display of the external visual indicator.